

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 9 are sought to be amended to correct for typographical errors. Claims 1-16 are pending in the application, with 1 and 9 being the independent claims. No new matter has been entered by any amendments.

Based on the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

***Information Disclosure Statement***

Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on August 25, 2004. The Examiner is asked to consider and acknowledge the references on the 1449, and return a signed and dated copy to the Applicant.

***Objections to the Claims***

The Examiner objected to claims 1 and 9 based on the use of “isolated,” which the Examiner suggested should have been “isolate.” Applicant has amended these claims in order to correct for this typographical error, without narrowing the claim. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objections.

***Rejections under Obviousness-Type Double Patenting***

Claims 1-16 were rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 in U.S. Patent 6,770,895, which issued from application number 10/300,898, as noted in the above amendment to paragraph [0001] of the instant specification.

Although Applicant disagrees with this rejection, Applicant is submitting a Terminal Disclaimer concurrently herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

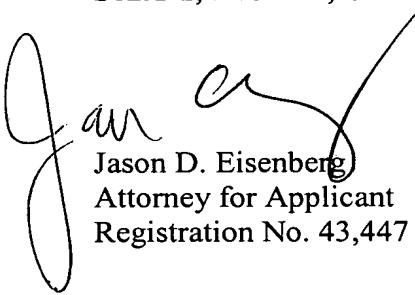
***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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